of human probability, all dissipated and confounded, as by a spark falling among combustible materials. If the event had happened a moment sooner, or a moment later, no such effects would have followed; and the man of coldest heart, and most sophisticated head, is constrained to acknowledge that there has been a providence in that intervention at a crisis, which has changed the whole destiny of an individual or a community, of a nation or a continent.*

(4.) Nor let it be forgotten that by this means *human forenyht is lessened, human power controlled, and man rendered dependent on Ms Maker.*

There are domains of nature in \yhich man's foresight is considerably extended and accurate, and other domains in which it is very limited, or very dim and confused. Again, there are departments of nature in which man's influence is considerable, and others whioh lie altogether beyond his control, directly or indirectly. Now, on comparing these classes of objects, we find thorn to have a cross or converse relation to one another. Where man's foreknowledge is extensive, either he has no power, or his power is limited ; and where his power might be exerted, his foresight is contracted. His power of anticipating distant consequences, or of prediction, is greatest iu regard to astronomical movements, or great physical changes; and here the agents are beyond his control. His influence can be exercised over agents with which he is more nearly connected, as over his own bodily frame, and the animal anil vegetable kingdoms; but here his foresight is restricted within very narrow limits. He can draw out an astronomical almanac for centuries to come, but he cannot tell in what state any one animate object that is dear to him may be on the morrow, lie can. tell in what position a

* Them* was a grunt, truth bodied forth, in an exaggerated form, in Leibnitz's

doctrine of pre-cHtabli.slied harmony. There arc events having no connexion in this way of OUUHO ami effect, which are made to fit into each other, and act in ttniHon, hccniisu of an arrangement at the original constitution of all things. The error of LdfmiU arose from his carrying out hia monadical theory, and denying that there could not also bo causal relations. " lie could not hold that mind change thts lawn of matter, or that matter could change the laws of mind." (Conformity of Faith and Kcuuon.) There is a pre-established harmony, (1,) in natural Agents being HO constituted that they act causally on each other; and, (!I») in events not causally connected being made to concur and co-operate. The former of thctie was overlooked by Leibnitz. The two constitute the true doctrine of pre-established harmony,